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1. On 1 January 1952 the chairman of the Military Council, Korean Democratic People's Republic, issued an order which provided that all young men of North Korea between 15 and 35 years of age were to receive military training.<sup>1</sup> The order called for 400,000 recruits to be registered by 31 May 1952. The lists designating those to be drafted had been prepared up to and including 10 January.<sup>2</sup> Starting on 11 January, the young men were ordered to gather at specified places at 3:30 p.m. every day to be trained for one and one-half hours regardless of their employment. Wounded army veterans served as drill instructors at the training sites.

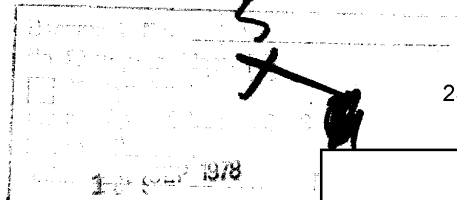
2. On 15 January 1952 all men and women of 18 through 40 years of age, in the Yonbaek-kun (126-03, 38-02) [redacted] area, were formed into a Self Defense Team. They were trained for fire fighting and local defense duties ten times a week. Their primary work was to check travelers on the roads.

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1. [redacted] Comment. All physically fit males in North Korea up to the age of 35 were to be inducted prior to 30 April 1952. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Presumably the authorities decided to forego further registration and to begin the actual draft, as noted in the next sentence.



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